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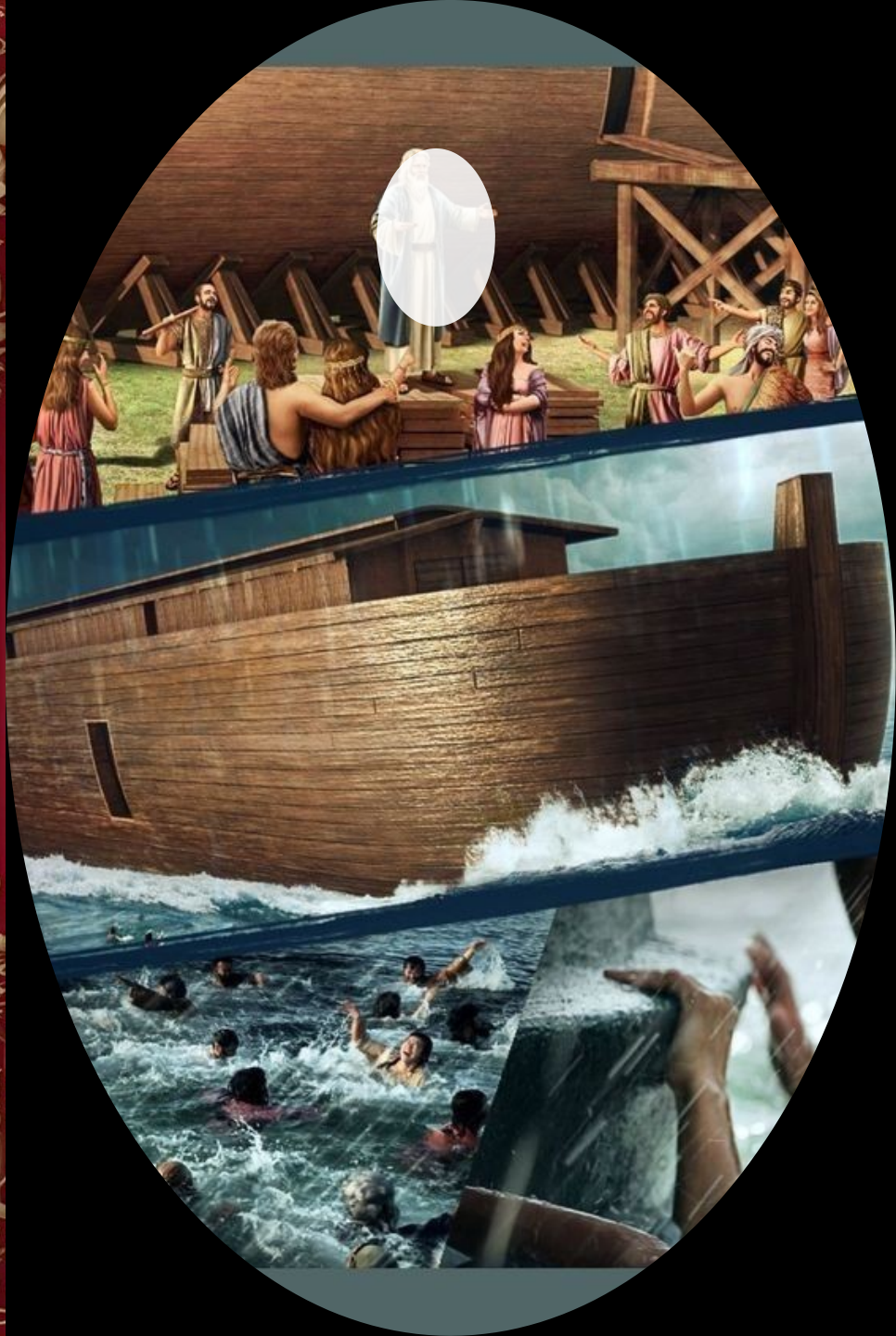

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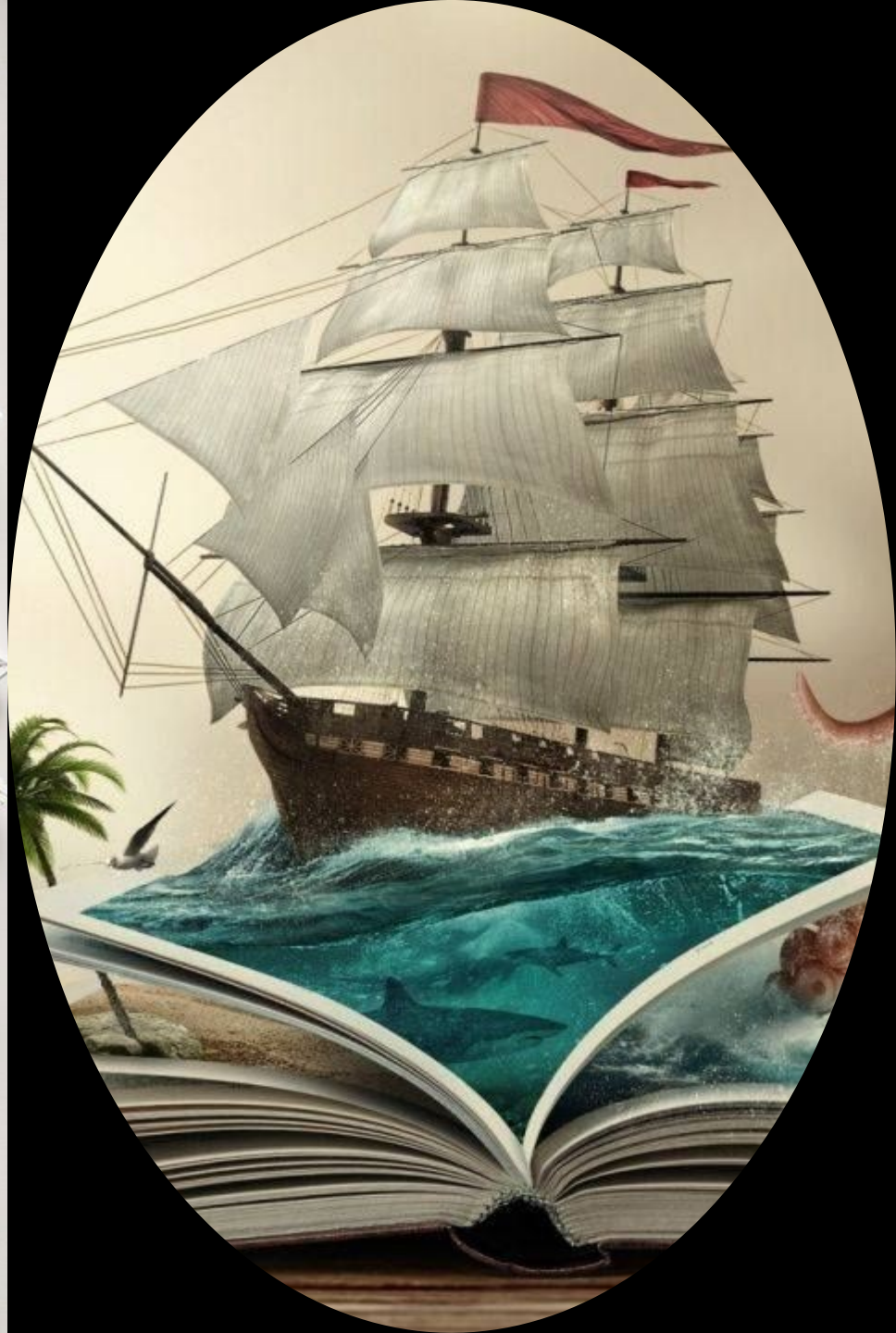

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THE
BACKGROUND1

NAME: نـوح, Nuh.

Name applied to whole Surah as it narrates the story of Prophet Nuh.

ENGLISH NAME: Noah.

CHAPTER NUMBER: 71

SURAH NUH TOTAL VERSES: 28

SURAH NUH TOTAL WORDS: 227

TOTAL UNIQUE WORDS WITHOUT REPETITION: 172

TOTAL LETTERS: 965

REVELATION PERIOD:

Meccan, Approx. 620 – 622 AD.

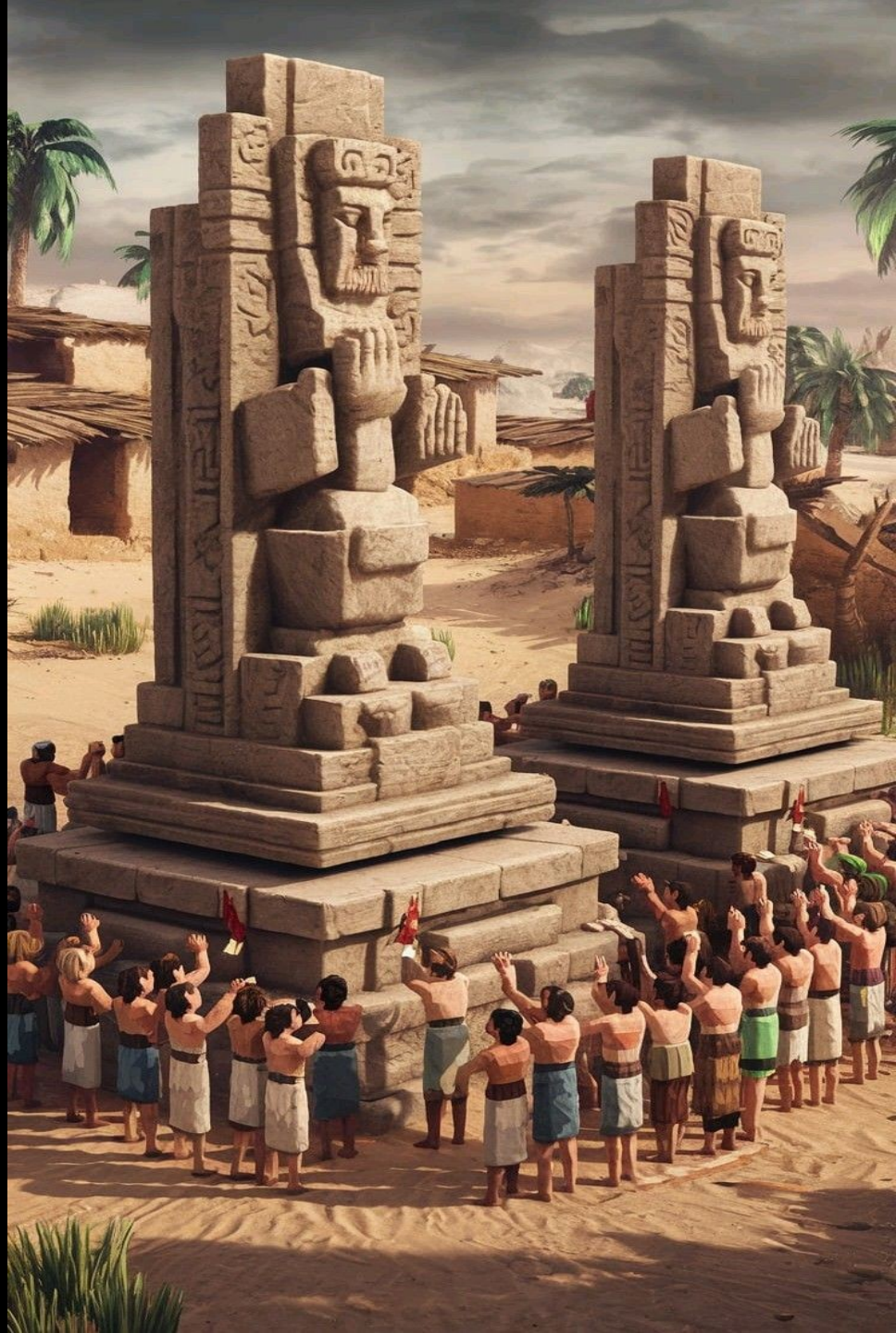
MAIN CHARACTERS:

God, Prophet Nuh/Noah, People of Nuh, False Dieties Wadd, Suwa, Yaghuth, Yauq and Nasr.

Theme and Subject

In this surah the story of the Prophet Noah has not been related only for the sake of storytelling, but its object is to warn the disbelievers of Makkah, so as to say: "You, O people of Makkah, are adopting towards Muhammad (upon whom be Allah's peace and blessings) the same attitude as the people of the Prophet Noah had adopted towards him; if you do not change this attitude, you too would meet with the same end." This had not been said in so many words anywhere in the Surah, but in the background of the conditions under which this

Vv. 2-4 briefly explain how he began his mission and what he preached. Then after suffering hardships and troubles in the way of preaching his mission for ages the report that he made to his Lord has been given in vv. 5-20. In it he states how he had been trying to bring his people to the right path and how his people had stubbornly opposed him.



After this, the Prophet Noah's final submission has been recorded in vv. 21-24, in which he prays to his Lord, saying: "These people have rejected my invitation: they are blindly following their chiefs, who have devised a tremendous plot of deceit and cunning. Time now has come when these people should be deprived of every grace to accept guidance." This was not an expression of impatience by the Prophet Noah, but when after having preached his message under extremely trying circumstances for centuries be became utterly disappointed with his people, he formed the opinion that no chance whatever was left of their coming to the right path. His this opinion fully conformed to Allah's own decision. Thus, in the next verse (25), it has been said: "The torment of Allah descended on those people because of their misdeeds."

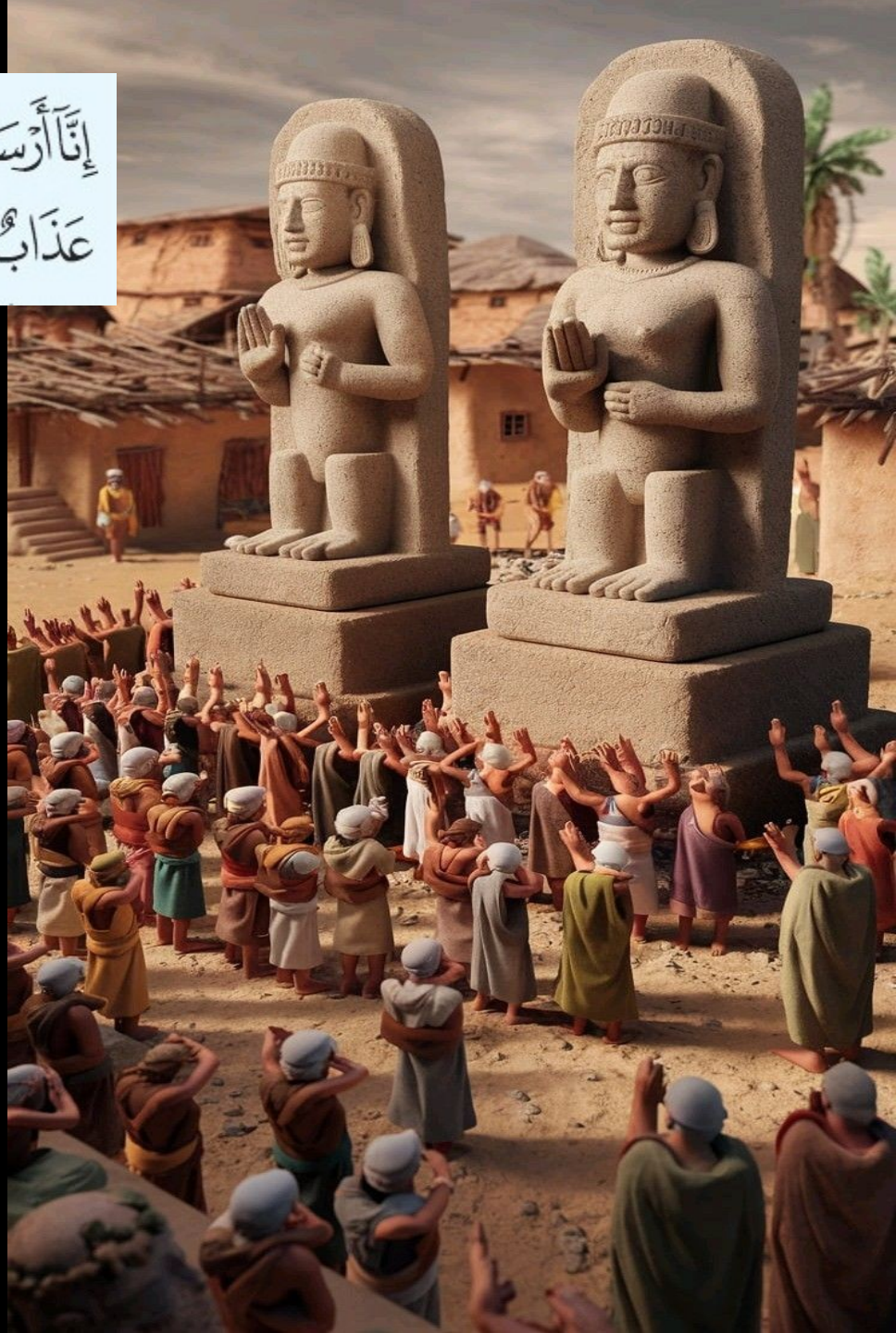
In the concluding verse, the Prophet Noah's supplication that he made to his Lord, right at the time the torment descended, has been recorded. In it he prays for his own and for all the believers' forgiveness, and makes a submission to Allah to the effect: "Do not leave any of the disbelievers alive on the earth, for they have become utterly devoid of every good: they will not beget any but disbelieving and wicked descendents."

While studying this Surah one should keep in view the details of the Prophet Noah's story which have been given in the Quran above. For this see Al-Araf: 59-64 Yunus: 71,73, Hud: 25-49, Al-Mu'minun: 23-31, Ash- Shua'ra: 105-122, Al-Ankabut: 14,15, As-Saaffat: 75-82, Al-Qamar: 9-16.

THE AYAT IN DETAIL S_2

إِنَّآ أَرۡسَلۡنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوۡمِهِۦٓ أَنۡ أَنذِرۡ قَوۡمَكَ مِن قَبۡلِ أَن يَأۡتِيَهُمۡ
عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٞ ١ قَالَ يَٰقَوۡمِ إِنِّي لَكُمۡ نَذِيرٞ مُّبِينٌ ٢ أَنِ ٱعۡبُدُواْ

Indeed, We sent Noah to his people [saying to him], “Warn your people before a painful punishment comes to



قَالَ يَٰقَوۡمِ إِنِّي لَكُمۡ نَذِيرٞ مُّبِينٌ ٢

Noah proclaimed, “O my people! I am truly sent to you with a clear warning:

عَذَابُ أَلِيمٍ ﴿١﴾ قَالَ يَٰقَوْمِ إِنِّي لَكُمْ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢﴾ أَنِ ٱعْبُدُوا۟
ٱللَّهَ وَٱتَّقُوهُ وَأَطِيعُونِ ﴿٣﴾ يَغْفِرْ لَكُم مِّن ذُنُوبِكُمْ وَيُؤَخِّرْكُمْ

worship Allah [alone], fear Him, and obey me.

ٱللَّهَ وَٱتَّقُوهُ وَأَطِيعُونِ ﴿٣﴾ يَغۡفِرۡ لَكُم مِّن ذُنُوبِكُمۡ وَيُؤَخِّرۡكُمۡ
إِلَىٰٓ أَجَلٖ مُّسَمًّىۚ إِنَّ أَجَلَ ٱللَّهِ إِذَا جَآءَ لَا يُؤَخَّرُۖ لَوۡ كُنتُمۡ تَعۡلَمُونَ ﴿٤﴾

He will forgive your sins, and delay your end until the appointed time.[1] Indeed, when the time set by Allah comes, it cannot be delayed, if only you knew!”

Footnote - 1

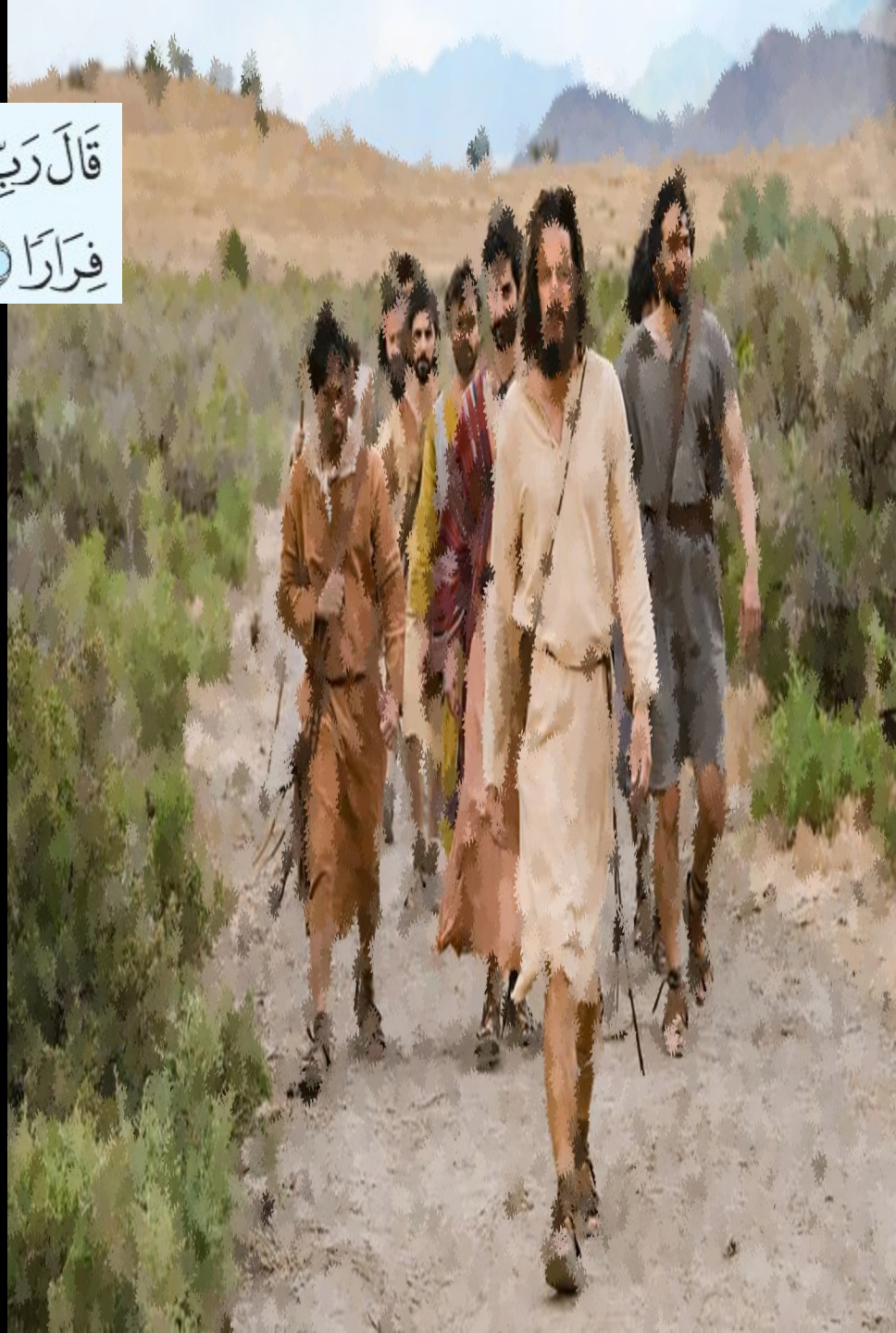
Meaning, it is out of Allah’s mercy that He does not hasten your punishment but allows you more time to repent.

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا ۝٥

He cried, “My Lord! I have surely called my people day and night,

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا ﴿٥﴾ فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُمْ دُعَائِي إِلَّا
فِرَارًا ﴿٦﴾ وَإِنِّي كُلَّمَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ لِتَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ جَعَلُوا أَصَابِعَهُمْ فِي

but my calls
only made
them run
farther away.



فِرَارًا ﴿٦﴾ وَإِنِّي كُلَّمَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ لِتَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ جَعَلُوا أَصَابِعَهُمْ فِي
آذَانِهِمْ وَاسْتَغْشَوْا ثِيَابَهُمْ وَأَصَرُّوا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا اسْتِكْبَارًا
﴿٧﴾ ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جِهَارًا ﴿٨﴾ ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ

And whenever I invite them to be forgiven by You, they press their fingers into their ears, cover themselves with their clothes, persist [in denial], and act very arrogantly.

ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جِهَارًا ٨

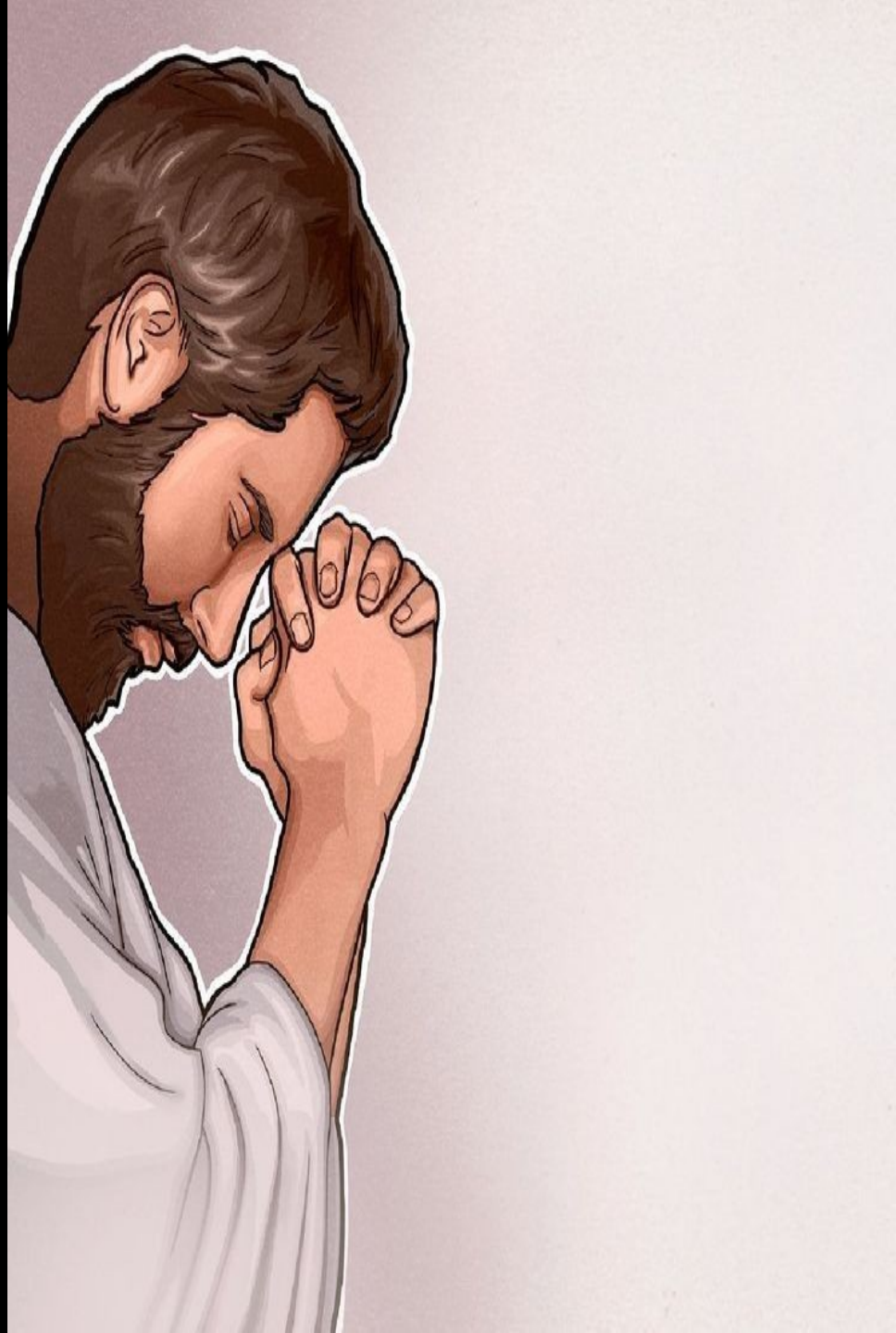
Then I certainly called them openly,

ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جِهَارًا ﴿٨﴾ ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ
لَهُمْ إِسْرَارًا ﴿٩﴾ فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ﴿١٠﴾

then I surely preached to them publicly and privately,

فَقُلْتُ ٱسْتَغْفِرُوا۟ رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُۥ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ﴿١٠﴾

saying, ‘Seek your Lord’s forgiveness, for He is truly Most Forgiving.



يُرۡسِلِ ٱلسَّمَآءَ عَلَيۡكُم مِّدۡرَارٗا ١١

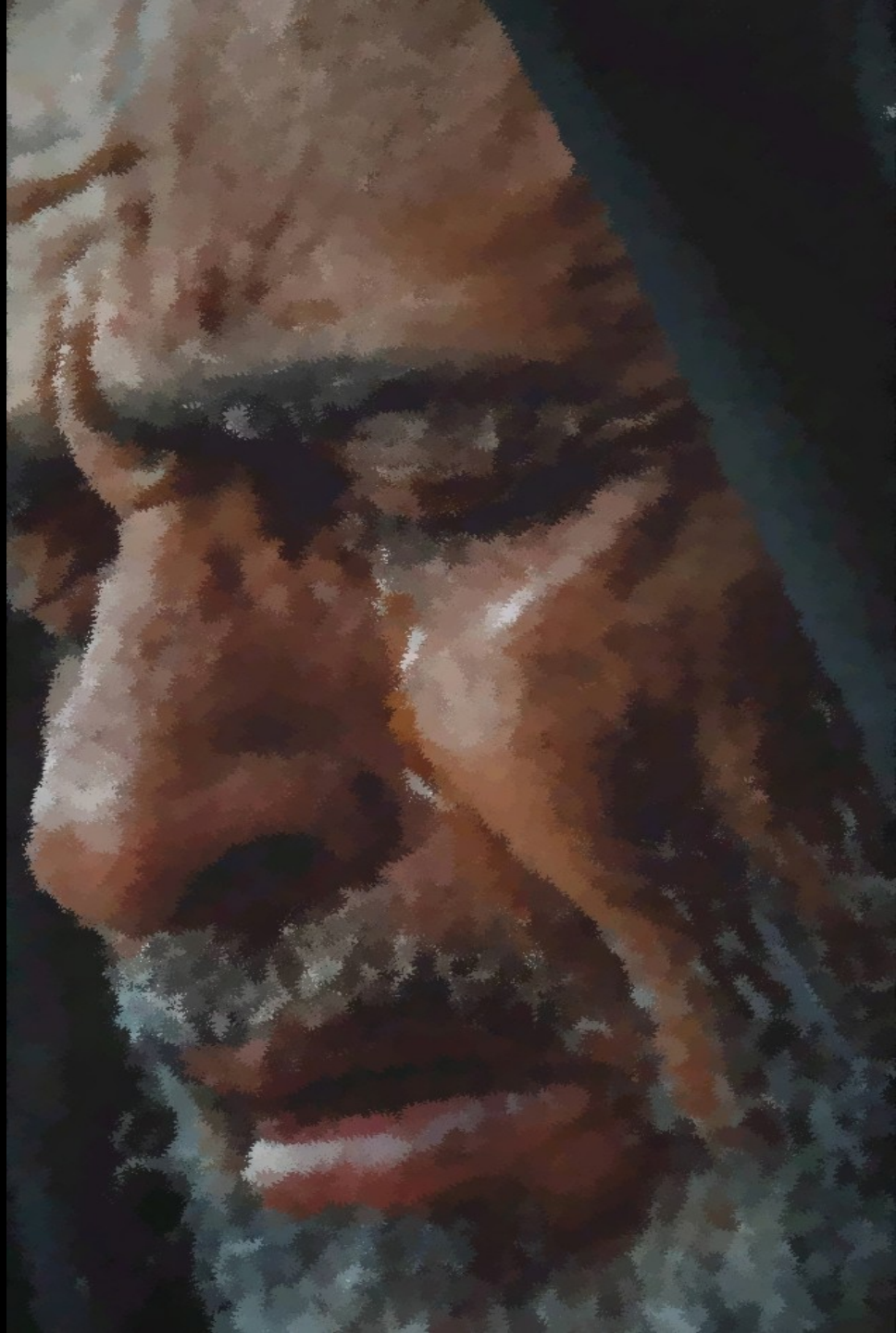
He will shower
you with
abundant rain,

يُرْسِلِ ٱلسَّمَآءَ عَلَيْكُم مِّدْرَارًا ﴿١١﴾ وَيُمْدِدْكُم بِأَمْوَٰلٍ وَبَنِينَ وَيَجْعَل
لَّكُمْ جَنَّٰتٍ وَيَجْعَل لَّكُمْ أَنْهَٰرًا ﴿١٢﴾ مَّا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا ﴿١٣﴾

supply you with wealth and children, and give you gardens as well as rivers.

مَّا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا ﴿١٣﴾

What is the matter with you that you are not in awe of the Majesty of Allah,



وَقَدْ خَلَقَكُمْ أَطْوَارًا ﴿١٤﴾

when He truly created you in stages of development ?[1]

Footnote - 1

See 22:5 and 23:12-14.

وَقَدْ خَلَقَكُمْ أَطْوَارًا ﴿١٤﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَوْا كَيْفَ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ
طِبَاقًا ﴿١٥﴾ وَجَعَلَ الْقَمَرَ فِيهِنَّ نُورًا وَجَعَلَ الشَّمْسَ سِرَاجًا ﴿١٦﴾

Do you not see how Allah created seven heavens, one above the other,

وَجَعَلَ ٱلْقَمَرَ فِيهِنَّ نُورًا وَجَعَلَ ٱلشَّمْسَ سِرَاجًا ١٦

placing the moon within them as a reflected light, and the sun as a radiant lamp?

وَٱللَّهُ أَنۢبَتَكُم مِّنَ ٱلۡأَرۡضِ نَبَاتٗا ١٧

Allah ﴿alone﴾ caused you[1] to grow from the earth like a plant.

Footnote - 1

i.e., your father Adam, who was created from clay.

وَٱللَّهُ أَنۢبَتَكُم مِّنَ ٱلۡأَرۡضِ نَبَاتٗا ١٧ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُكُمۡ فِيهَا وَيُخۡرِجُكُمۡ
إِخۡرَاجٗا ١٨ وَٱللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمُ ٱلۡأَرۡضَ بِسَاطٗا ١٩ لِّتَسۡلُكُواْ مِنۡهَا

Then He will return you to it, and then simply bring you forth [again].

وَٱللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمُ ٱلْأَرْضَ بِسَاطًا ﴿١٩﴾

And Allah
alone
spread out
the earth for
you

إِخۡرَاجًا ﴿١٨﴾ وَٱللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمُ ٱلۡأَرۡضَ بِسَاطٗا ﴿١٩﴾ لِّتَسۡلُكُواْ مِنۡهَا
سُبُلٗا فِجَاجٗا ﴿٢٠﴾ قَالَ نُوحٞ رَّبِّ إِنَّهُمۡ عَصَوۡنِي وَٱتَّبَعُواْ مَن لَّمۡ يَزِدۡهُ

to walk along its spacious pathways.’”

سُبُلًا فِجَاجًا ﴿٢٠﴾ قَالَ نُوحٌ رَّبِّ إِنَّهُمْ عَصَوْنِي وَاتَّبَعُوا مَن لَّمْ يَزِدْهُ
مَالُهُ وَوَلَدُهُ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ﴿٢١﴾ وَمَكَرُوا مَكْرًا كُبَّارًا ﴿٢٢﴾ وَقَالُوا

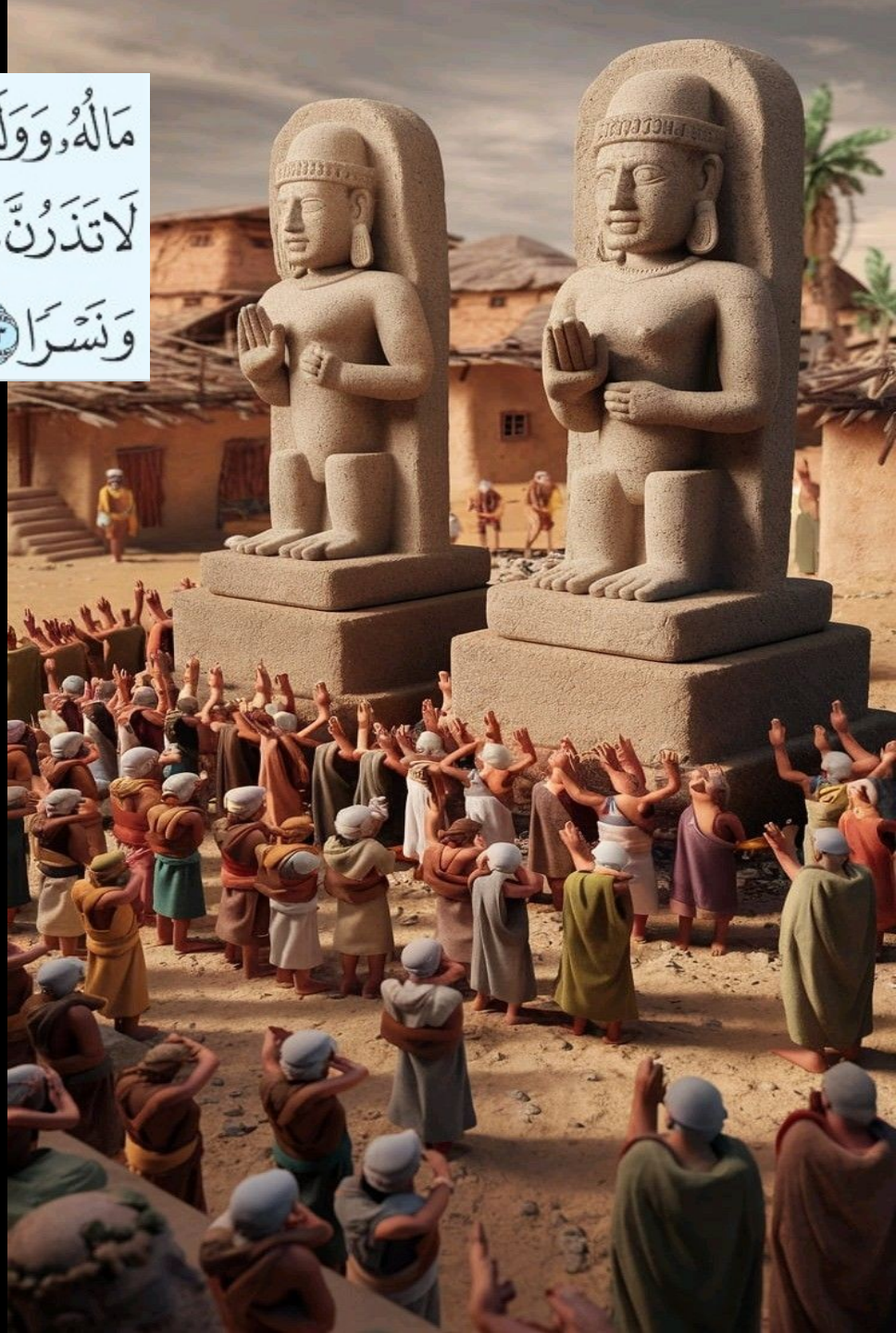
Eventually, Noah cried, “My Lord! They have certainly persisted in disobeying me, and followed [instead] those [elite] whose [abundant] wealth and children only increase them in loss,

وَمَكَرُوا۟ مَكْرًا كُبَّارًا ﴿٢٢﴾

and who
have devised
a
tremendous
plot,

مَالُهُۥ وَوَلَدُهُۥٓ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ﴿٢١﴾ وَمَكَرُوا۟ مَكْرًا كُبَّارًا ﴿٢٢﴾ وَقَالُوا۟
لَا تَذَرُنَّ ءَالِهَتَكُمْ وَلَا تَذَرُنَّ وَدًّا وَلَا سُوَاعًا وَلَا يَغُوثَ وَيَعُوقَ
وَنَسْرًا ﴿٢٣﴾ وَقَدْ أَضَلُّوا۟ كَثِيرًا ۖ وَلَا تَزِدِ ٱلظَّٰلِمِينَ إِلَّا ضَلَٰلًا ﴿٢٤﴾

urging their followers, ‘Do not abandon your idols—especially Wadd, Suwâ’, Yaghûth, Ya’ûq, and



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These are the names of their main idols. Initially, these idols had been erected to commemorate some righteous people before the time of Noah. After many generations, however, the idols were taken as objects of worship.

وَقَدْ أَضَلُّوا۟ كَثِيرًا ۖ وَلَا تَزِدِ ٱلظَّٰلِمِينَ إِلَّا ضَلَٰلًا ﴿٢٤﴾

Those “elite” have already led many astray. So “O Lord”, only allow the wrongdoers to stray farther away.”

مِّمَّا خَطِيٓـَٔاتِهِمْ أُغْرِقُوا۟ فَأُدْخِلُوا۟ نَارًا فَلَمْ يَجِدُوا۟ لَهُم مِّن دُونِ
ٱللَّهِ أَنصَارًا ﴿٢٥﴾ وَقَالَ نُوحٌ رَّبِّ لَا تَذَرْ عَلَى ٱلْأَرْضِ مِنَ ٱلْكَٰفِرِينَ

So because of their sins, they were drowned, then admitted into the Fire. And they found none to help them against Allah.

ٱللَّهِ أَنصَارًا ﴿٢٥﴾ وَقَالَ نُوحٌ رَّبِّ لَا تَذَرْ عَلَى ٱلْأَرْضِ مِنَ ٱلْكَٰفِرِينَ
دَيَّارًا ﴿٢٦﴾ إِنَّكَ إِن تَذَرْهُمْ يُضِلُّوا۟ عِبَادَكَ وَلَا يَلِدُوٓا۟ إِلَّا فَاجِرًا

Noah had prayed, “My Lord! Do not leave a single disbeliever on earth.

دَيَّارًا ﴿٢٦﴾ إِنَّكَ إِن تَذَرْهُمْ يُضِلُّوا۟ عِبَادَكَ وَلَا يَلِدُوٓا۟ إِلَّا فَاجِرًا
كَفَّارًا ﴿٢٧﴾ رَّبِّ ٱغْفِرْ لِى وَلِوَٰلِدَىَّ وَلِمَن دَخَلَ بَيْتِىَ مُؤْمِنًا

For if You spare any of them, they will certainly mislead Your servants, and give birth only to wicked sinners, staunch disbelievers.

كَفَّارًا ﴿٢٧﴾ رَّبِّ ٱغْفِرْ لِى وَلِوَٰلِدَىَّ وَلِمَن دَخَلَ بَيْتِىَ مُؤْمِنًا
وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَٱلْمُؤْمِنَٰتِ ۖ وَلَا تَزِدِ ٱلظَّٰلِمِينَ إِلَّا تَبَارًا ﴿٢٨﴾

My Lord! Forgive me, my parents, and whoever enters my house in faith, and all believing men and women. And increase the wrongdoers only in destruction.”

EXERCIS
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1. Remembering (Knowledge)

1. Who was Prophet Nuh sent to, and what was his primary message?
2. What did Nuh ask Allah for in his supplication?
3. Which punishment is mentioned in the surah for those who disbelieved?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

1. Why did Prophet Nuh remind his people of Allah’s creation (e.g., the skies, the earth)?
2. How did the people of Nuh respond to his call to worship Allah alone?
3. What does the surah teach about the consequences of rejecting a prophet's message?

3. Applying (Application)

1. How can the lessons from Surah Nuh be applied to contemporary efforts in spreading Islamic teachings?
2. What strategies from Nuh’s approach could be useful for someone facing rejection in their life?
3. If you were explaining Surah Nuh to someone new to Islam, how would you summarize its main message?

4. Analyzing (Analysis)

1. What are the main arguments Prophet Nuh used to convince his people to believe in Allah?
2. How does the surah illustrate the characteristics of disbelievers?
3. Compare the ways Prophet Nuh's message emphasizes both rewards for belief and consequences for disbelief.

5. Evaluating (Evaluation)

1. Was Prophet Nuh's perseverance in inviting his people successful according to the surah? Why or why not?
2. Do you think the people of Nuh had valid reasons for rejecting his message? Justify your answer.
3. How effective was Prophet Nuh’s approach in delivering his message over 950 years?

6. Creating (Synthesis)

1. Write a reflective poem or short essay about the themes of patience and perseverance inspired by Surah Nuh.
2. Design a lesson plan to teach children about the importance of faith using stories from Surah Nuh.
3. Imagine you are Nuh addressing his people—compose a speech incorporating the key messages from the surah.

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